

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

a era of Metropolitan selfishness. Tariff barriers were to reserve exclusively the colonial preserves for France. Bonds were drawn tighter in proportion to the Metropole's new appreciation of her colonies' value. Investors demanded increased protection for their capital. Indo-China's War contributions to the French military budget were so solacing that the Metropole graciously accepted them until the depression gave the colony a chance to plead off. Annamite troops, obviously against their will, were sent to police other French colonies. Indo-China's general budget in 1930 bore a 16 per cent subsidy of extraneous French enterprises in the Far East. No such sacrifice of any other colony. It was no wonder that colonials demanded autonomy from Metropolitan interference, and native nationalists denounced France's turncoat liberalism.

Fortunately for Indo-China the post-War decade saw a simultaneous growth of liberalism in France. Grafted on to the old French distrust of colonials' laziness and oppressiveness was sincere gratitude and appreciation for the role played by the Indo-Chinese during the War, a sympathetic interest in the Annamite national movement. The French were naturally the first to resent this attitude. A stream of criticism during the past decade has flowed through India, China, and elsewhere, more or less hasty judgments of an uncompromising nature the French residents there. Not much progress has been marked the early French belief that colonials lived either like savages or in a hut, or in dissolute and luxurious idleness. Leon Weith's ogre has been modernized, but he always acts the brute towards the Aimamites, Roland Dorgelès was the most embittering

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